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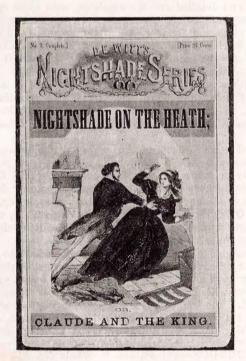
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I made the telephone call a few days before Saturday actually; on a Thursday night. The ad had been running for the past year or so in the Roundup, and I had been meaning to send off for the things for at least eight months, but what with bills, winter insurance expenses and the like, I just never had the twenty-one dollars to spare, and so I kept putting it off week after week. Now I had a tax refund lodged snuggly in the bank, some of the bills were paid off, and spring was going to roll around soon. I had the money to spare and I felt I had put it off long enough.

The ad had been running in the Dime Novel Roundup. I might mention here that in dime novel fandom, the Roundup is a lot more than being merely the most important and informative fanzine devoted to the hobby. It is the official organ of the Happy Hours Brotherhood, and is the focal point, the voice of God as it were, for everybody involved in or around dime novel fandom. The magazine has been a monthly for forty-five years running and features the most literate and detailed articles available, with some contributors doing years of actual research before their material sees publication. And the original Roundup editor and founder, Ralph Cummings, lived over in Grafton, Mass., and was offering a pile of back issues, almost two hundred and fifty some odd issues from #1 going up, at \$21.00 for the lot. It was a good buy, and I really wanted those back numbers.

So it was with a slight sense of apprehension that I telephoned over to Grafton to see if Ralph Cummings would let me drive over that night and pick up the whole pile. There was also the nagging fear that he might have had only one complete set, and that maybe some other collector had gotten his order in first.

It happened that we got one of the worse telephone connections that the infamous New England Telephone Company could have possibly arranged. Ralph could hardly hear a word I was saying, but between the shouting back and forth it developed that it would take him a couple of days to collect up the scattered issues into one pile, and could I come over, say, Saturday afternoon if that was OK. Well it was more than OK with me, especially since a Saturday afternoon might give me a chance to talk a little with Mr. Cummings as well as pick up the back issues.

Saturday afternoon rolled around and I must admit to being somewhat nervous about the meeting. Dime novel fandom was started and developed by Ralph Smith, a book and magazine dealer who collected and sold dime and nickel novels along with his other wares; and Ralph Cummings, the man I was about to meet. The initial development began in 1923, altho fanzines and organization into a more or less formal body did not start until about 1925. It seemed incredible that I was shortly going to meet one of the co-founders

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of a branch of collecting fandom which I have become increasingly more involved with in the past months.

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It turned out that altho the mail goes thru Grafton post office, and the telephone exchange is labeled Grafton also, the place Ralph Cummings lives is actually a smallish village called Fisherville, and is a lot closer to Millbury than to Grafton, which struck me as being pretty odd until I thought about it a while. After all, I have a house in Oxford, my mail is addressed thru Dudley, but is actually delivered by the Webster postal service, so this was just another example of that type of insanity known locally as Mass. Madness.

The directions were pretty explicit, and I pulled up in front of the house, an older double decker affair, after one that afternoon. In mere minutes I was face to face with Ralph Cummings, the godfather of dime novel fandom. We were on the second floor of the two decker house, and I soon discovered that this second story was cluttered, jammed, packed as tight as could be packed, with thousands of books, circus posters, post cards, dime novels, nickel weeklies, story papers, piles, shelves, stacks, boxes upon boxes of reading material. With all this conglomeration of collectible goods there was not a whole lot of maneuvering space, but we gradually wound our way thru the tons and tons of material to a room with a fair sized open area, a few chairs, a sleeping cat, and an enormous oversized desk.

I found Ralph Cummings, or "Reckless Ralph" as he is known to many of his friends, to be an interesting and engaging conversationalist, once we broke the ice and got underway. He is now 77 years old, and altho a little hard of hearing (an accusation he does not admit), was about the most active older person I've met in a good many years.

The first few minutes were fairly strained, neither of us knowing exactly what to expect. The stack of Roundup back issues proved to be truly impressive, covering the year 1930, Vol. 1 #1 right up into the mid-fifties, with lots of good reading and source material.

After paying for the fanzines, we immediately settled down to the time honored business of buying and trading collectible material, that common mainstay of all literary fandoms be they science fiction, comics, pulps or in this case, dime novels. I was in the buying business, Ralph was in the selling business, also handling a pile of material for a friend as well. In a rather short time I had dropped a pile of money for a nice group of Tip Top, Secret Service, Wild West Weekly and other issues. And I also picked up initial copies of a couple of other nickel weeklies I had never seen before, Comrades and Link Rover, both of which, incidentally I found to be great reading.

Ralph showed me a small part of his collection (namely the small part he had in the lower file drawer of his desk), which proved to be an amazing assortment of material covering all types and ages of the field. One of the original reasons I was first drawn into dime novel fandom was a search for issues of Frank Reade and Frank Reade Weekly, long believed by many to be the very first science fiction magazine, altho few, if any, of today's science fiction fans have actually seen it.

Well, it turned out that Ralph had copies. Man did he ever have copies. Like for instances the first Frank Reade story in Wide Awake Library, like issues of the colored cover weekly, like story papers and background information. He also pointed out other science fiction oriented stories that appeared in various nickel weeklies. He also pulled forth a beautiful mint condition run of Tip Tops that set my mouth to watering, including one issue with a double cover. Double covers are a rare, but not unknown quantity in comic collecting circles, but about as rare as Dodo eggs among dime novel enthusiasts.

The pile of goodies he pulled forth was amazing. We spent several hours examining issues and chatting back and forth. At one point we came across a couple of comic books, and he casually asked if I knew anything about old comic magazines. I don't think he really believed me when I told him I was a long time comic book collector with over 12000 comics from before 1955 and more after that date. A few minutes later he whipped out a photograph and asked if I could identify the person. I failed to recognize the likeness completely. A small silence followed during which I could see that my worth in Ralph's eyes had dropped another two or three notches. After all, how could any true nickel novel buff fail to recognize Gilbert Patten, who, under the pen name of Burt L. Standish, wrote all the Frank and Dick Merriwell stories for Tip Top Weekly. I could see this was a potential blow to our developing friendship.

But it was only a small shock. In seconds we were swallowed up with the material again. The variety was astonishing. The drawer held only a couple of hundred issues, but everything was represented. Story newspapers dating as far back as 1832 popped forth with disarming regularity, followed by penny dreadful chapters, and other super rare items, including one, The Quaker Journal which is apparently unknown to almost everyone, Ralph having the only copy of the paper ever unearthed. I was especially caught by the beautiful covers and the sense of wonder developed by the Young Klondike covers, and the weird fascination of Pluck and Luck colored issues, and the action on the Paul Jones issues. Ralph actually has duplicates of this last scarce title.

As we neared the end of our examination of these weeklies and papers, Ralph flipped back to the Frank Reade issues and offered to give me one, any one, that struck my fancy absolutely free. To say I was floored by the generosity of this act would be a total understatement. I was finally persuaded to accept a mint condition copy with a beautiful colored cover showing the fantastic land rover halted in the midst of a swarming jungle. The story is a really thriller with our hero and his companions in and out of trouble every other page. It is impossible to express my gratitude for this tremendous act of generosity on Ralph's part.

However, altho we had finished looking at the bottom drawer collection, Ralph led the way and gave me a few quick looks at parts of his book collection. Behind the house is a large farm shed, equal inside to the house space itself. This was crammed floor to ceiling with book shelves, all full and overflowing. Then we stepped back to a second shed, also full and bursting thru with thousands of books. I almost asked whether he had the basement filled up also, but thought better of it.

After the confab broke up, I gave Ralph a lift to the neighborhood store. He was going to walk the distance, close to a mile, however it was cold as hell out, and besides, I needed a couple of quarts of beer by then anyway. The neighborhood Fisherville story is high as hell on everything except pre-marked snack items and beer, which is so competitive they have to meet the going rate.

All in all it was a very interesting visit. In addition to coming away with a good pile of novels and back issues of the Roundup (paid for mostly with silver dollars, hence the title; spending silver dollars is a habit I got into a couple of years ago) I left with a profund respect for this founding member of the hobby. His knowledge of the writers, characters, titles and issues is unbelievable. His collection, impressive as it is now, is in reality, only the bones of its former collection, since for many years now he has been trading off material once he has sufficiently digested it, and acquiring new books and magazines which are in their time also traded off. In the days when he was

editing the Roundup, each issue had at least a full page ad from him offering thousands of items for trade or sale each and every month. He was at one point the biggest pure dealer in the dime novel field and possibly more dime and nickel novel material has passed thru his hands than thru those of any other collector past or present.

As mentioned earlier, Ralph Smith and Reckless Ralph Cummings were the original cofounders of dime novel fandom, and the first fanzine, put out by Smith, was the Happy Hours Magazine, official organ of the Happy Hours Brotherhood. It began publication in 1925 as a four page folder of 6x9 inches, printed in extra fine type. By 1930 the depression was really making itself felt, and Smith found it impossible to continue with his business and his collection as well as edit the magazine, so in that year he turned the reins of editorship over to the Brotherhood's president, Ralph Cummings.

Reckless Ralph finished off the 1930 year of Happy Hours Magazine, and then in January 1931 brought out the first issue of the Dime Novel Roundup, still as the O-O of the HHB. By May of 1931 the magazine was retitled Reckless Ralph's Dime Novel Roundup and it had grown to 8 pages. The name stuck until the middle fifties, when the editorship again passed hands and it

reverted back to Dime Novel Roundup.

One of the first things the new editor did was to improve the quality of the articles. A great number of issues of HHMag and even early issues of DNR were devoted to "articles" only a paragraph or two in length, generally reprints of newspaper or magazine articles about the dime novel and its collectors, or short historical notes on famous western characters who had been fictionalized and romanticized in the original nickel papers of the period. A sprinkling of mini-remembrances were also to be found, many poorly written.

Towards the end of 1931 and onwards the articles began to develop a new and much more literary tone. Articles appeared devoted to the history and development of the nickel novel, biographies of famous writers, articles unraveling pseudonyms, works tracing the development of various publications. The scholarly theme was offset by personal articles by collectors on their favorite characters or writers, or experiences in buying their first novels, or in unearthing various "finds" in recent years. A column of news notes about members and the hobby was added, and also a satirical bit called Novelnut Nonsense, made up of bold lies and gross exaggerations about the totally fictitious, but comical happenings of the various members of the Brotherhood.

It is interesting to notice the vehemence with which some of the members denounced the popular pulp magazines of the period as being "worthless trash" exactly the same sort of condemnation the dime novels received thrucut their heyday. As a matter of fact this struck me as being doubly odd, since the pulp magazine killed off the dime novel and nickel weekly by simply producing three or four times as much reading material for about the same price. Most of the dime novel writers of the period simply changed typewriter ribbons and switched alliance from the nickel weeklies to the new pulp monthlies, producing basicly the same kind of material for a more profitable and expanding market.

It was the same story when the comics in the forties began to kill off the pulps. The membership was just as vocal in denouncing these as being, if anything, even worse than the pulps in non-existent literary quality. Yet for all the lip service paid to this idea, it is interesting to note that a lot of the members not only read pulp magazines, but collected them, and several were pulp magazine writers themselves. Indeed, for many years the advertising section carried paid ads for the Clayton line of pulps, and for various western pulp magazines. Ads for Ranch Romances appeared every single month up thru the forties.

There are many similarites and points of comparison between dime novel fandom, which is older and more established, and science fiction and comics fandom, with which we are all familiar. All three are concerned with the collection and preservation of what is essentially a popularly distained form of throwaway literature. As in comic and stf fandom, the original dime novelists were people who had read the stories as boys back in the latter part of the 19th and on into the 20th centuries. Indeed, being born in 1898, Reckless Ralph Cummings himself was considered something of a boy wonder, and a newcomer to the field as it were. A lot of articles appeared in the magazine dealing with the "good old days", and also, with depressing regularity, appeared the monthly obituary notices, as more and more of the original members died.

New members were recruited along the way, yet a genuine second generation of collectors and readers, those who had experienced the stories only during the dying days of the nickel weeklies around or shortly after WWI, or those who had never known the original weeklies from first hand experience, didn't actually develop until the mid forties. I think this might be an interesting foreshadowing of what has developed in today's comic fandom, and could occur in duplicate should today's science fiction magazines or comic books ever price themselves right out of existence.

Membership in the Brotherhood was never very large, altho they got more than their share of publicity from the newspapers and the press media. In fact, a high point in membership was reached with 150 active members, and about twenty honorary memberships going out to surviving nickel novel writers, and a few to historical western characters who had been fictionalized in the dime novels, people such as Pawnee Bill, Silver Tip, Idaho Bill and the like. Todays membership, almost totally made up of second, third, or even fourth generation membership like myself, totals only four hundred, a smaller percentage of the total nation's population than did the 150 active members in the early forties.

Another point that struck home to me was the drying up of virgin source of collectibles. For the dime novelist it happened in the mid forties. Big "finds" were being bragged about all thru the early thirties, but by the late thirties, readers were writing to the magazine that the finds were fewer, smaller in content, and more expensive when they did appear. By the mid and late forties the material was almost all gone. Such items as did turn up appeared in small groups, usually in the hands of antique deaiers who asked

sky high prices for them (sound familiar comic collectors?)

The solution the dime novel collectors worked out makes a great deal more sense than what we have done in the comic hobby. They simply refused to pay the high prices. The price for dime and nickel novels has remained basically unchanged for the past thirty years, with issues being sold among the members and collectors, but seldom to outsiders. Extortionist prices are simply not paid. Most members have their collections either willed to one of the several libraries making permanent collections and studies of the literary form, or to fellow members, or have at least laid out specific instructions as to how their collection is to be disposed of. I wonder how many people reading this article have made any plans for their own prized collection in case some drunk smashes into your car next week and leaves your wife a widow or your parents without their favorite offspring?

Also impressive to me was the effort by the dime novel club for many years to reprint many of the rarest and most sought after novels, copies to be sold at a low and easily attainable price. That work, regretably, is no longer going on, but it made a lot more sense than the current comic book reprinting

programs underway by comic fans, with slack work the norm rather than the exception. The dime novel reprints were exact duplicates, and covered all types of material.

It's too bad that effort was finally discontinued. Dime and nickel nevels were printed on the cheapest grade of pulp newsprint available during their day, just as with the pulps, the science fiction magazines and the comics we collect. And age is doing the final act on these printed items. It is difficult to turn up mint condition dime novels, especially of the black and white cover variety. Brittle pages, loose spines, oxidation is crumbling the papers away little by little, so that in the not too distant future many collectors will be left with only hard cover books and piles of dust to remind them of the dime novel empires that flourished in past years. A hundred years or less and those papers are destroying themselves.

All in all I came away from the meeting of Reckless Ralph Cummings, and the reading of those back issues of Roundup with a sense of history repeating itself, step by step. Fossibly there are major differences, but the points of similarity I've mentioned, and many more, make the parallel unavoidable. But basically, to get away from the heavy stuff for a few minutes, it was a chance to step into, more deeply than ever, a fandom, a collecting hobby which I find extremely interesting. My collection of nickel weeklies continues to grow in leaps and bounds, and so is my interest in the whole field.

The Saturday afternoon visit was very pleasant. I hope I gained a new friend that day, and I hope to talk with Reckless Ralph again in the very near future.

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Our Flag's Bicentennial

By Louise Harris

The Bicentennium is the birth time of the Flag of the United States of America. In my research of The Youth's Companion I have found to date this is the only country in which the civilians fly the Flag every pleasant day over homes, schools, business, public places and buildings, just about any place. But does anyone really know how this privilege came to be? I know I never did nor even thought about it. I just took it for granted as I had grown up seeing the flag flying everywhere. It was an every day occurrence!

Let us turn the clock back nearly a century and sec how this right to fly

the flag came about.

In 1886 James Bailey Upham, a loyal and devoted employee of The Youth's Companion for same years, was made the head of the Premium Department, actually a Mail Order Business, and a member of the firm, Perry Mason & Company of Boston, Massachusetts. Patriotism was at a very low ebb after the Civil War. Mr. Upham was gravely concerned over this fact for he revered the flag and all it stood for very deeply. He pondered over the question. If a flag should fly over the schoolhouse would it stimulate more serious study, better discipline, instill into the minds of the school children better patriotism and understanding of citizenship? Especially if the children would work and earn the money for it?

The staff of The Companion thought so and many members helped after working hours to put the plan into operation. By October 1888 the plan was launched, the shelves stocked with flags made of the best bunting available, that which was used for federal purposes. The children went to work with a zeal to own a flag for their school. Lessons were better learned. Teachers began to write discipline was improved leaving more time for serious teaching and study. To keep the interest alive Mr. Upham, in January 1890, tried an essay contest of six hundred words or less on the subject, THE PATRIOTIC INFLUENCE OF THE AMERICAN FLAG WHEN RAISED OVER THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The teachers judged the best essay for each school sending them to The Companion by April for The Companion judges to judge the best one for each State and Territory. The prize, a flag, was presented in time for raising on July Fourth with a suitable program followed by a big parade. For this event Hezekiah Butterworth wrote his famous poem, RAISING THE SCHOOL HOUSE FLAG.

Enthusiasm was growing. Congress had passed in April 1890 the Resolution for the World's Columbian Fair to be held in Chicago, Illinois. Upham, with the great success of the Flag Program, was determined to keep the interest alive with a Salute of some kind or a Pledge to the Flag, or perhaps both. Also 1892 was not far away. Why not have the Schools take part. Why not a program centered around raising the flag over the school at the exact same time the Fair Grounds were being dedicated. The staff agreed. Mr. Upham went to work on his Pledge while The Companion approached the schools for their ideas about a Columbus Celebration. response was so great The Companion then approached the Governing Board of the World's Fair with the plan. The acceptance was spontaneous. Mr. C. C. Bonney, the originator and president of the World's Congress Auxiliary, sent William Torrey Harris, United States Commissioner of Education and National Chairman for all school projects and exhibits for the fair, to the Superintendents Convention held in February 1892 in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Harris' Resolutions were unanimously accepted, an Executive Committee for the school program only was appointed with help from all the Educators in each state and the newspapers.

By June 1892 the program was ready including Mr. Upham's famous Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ford reviewed and accepted the program as was his usual custom. Then Mr. Harris and the World's Congress Auxiliary accepted it. President Harrison, by order of Congress, made his Proclamation on July 21, 1892 declaring the twenty-first day of October to be a full legal holiday throughout the land. The date had been changed to coincide with October 12, 1492 due to the change in calendars.

With the fantastic success of the Columbus Celebration, Mr. Upham did not stop but continued on with his patriotic work. The teachers, students, young people were eager for more. He had revived the Lyceum League of America in October 1891. There were programs for Washington's Birthday, Pictures of Washington, Lafayette and Lincoln, Flag Day, encouraged due observance of Arbor Day, Decoration Day and finally Lincoln's Centennial. The list of days to fly the flag was constantly increasing. He had a special casting of the eagle made to be placed on the flag staff in a parade and a socket belt made to Companion specifications. Programs were constantly being made or added to for all the school events, especially the raising of the flag over the school and how to care for it. Teachers wrote in for material, ideas, suggestions. Any town or village was aided in acquiring a circulating or public library, whichever was wanted. His brain was ever active with ideas.

In December 1905 Mr. Upham passed on, only six years after Mr. Ford. When all the programs which Mr. Upham had planned had been put into operation there were no more for The Companion had no one with the patri-

otic vision to carry on this valuable work.

There is no question as to the true author of the Pledge of Allegiance—James Bailey Upham. This is the first real research on the pages of The Companion and the first presentation of the actual facts that has been made to the general public. I accidently stumbled onto this phase of the work when I discovered the list of the essay winners for each state. The Town of Johnston won it for Rhode Island. I had to stop my work immediately and find out what it was all about. I never thought then I would be setting out on a neverending research or becoming involved in the controversy of long standing in years. 95 to 99% of the material found is in the columns with the advertisements and often with no identifying mark. I still do not know if I have discovered all information yet but after nearly fourteen years of research I am not yet ready to start on a repeat search of all those many hundreds of pages!

This article would not be complete without mention of my aims for the Bicentennial years. First, I must acquaint the general public with the fact James Bailey Upham is the true author of the Pledge of Allegiance. In England the leaders of the many listings and organizations are just as interested in my work as those in Washington. I would like a stamp for the FLAG OVER THE SCHOOLHOUSE with James Bailey Upham included. I believe there would be no better way to honor our Flag. And also I would like to

have one of our Bicentennial medals made with the same idea.

Then, but not least, a new federal flag law that is very comprehensive and with definite penalties for desecration of the flag. It is a new Congress so a new law will have to be introduced since Bill S340, co-sponsored by Senator Tower of Texas and Senator Pell died with the old Congress.

So here ends the tale of our flag flying every pleasant day everywhere. The story continued to grow as more information is unearthed. Much of this article is documented in the book, THE FLAG OVER THE SCHOOLHOUSE, copyright 1971.

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